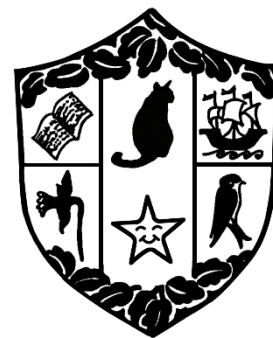


Deneholm Primary School

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***Resourcefulness *Resilience *Reasoning *Responsibility *Reflection**

Newsletter 28th September

I hope you have all found the parent meetings with class teachers useful and informative. Although it takes a lot of time for teachers to prepare and organise cover for their classes we feel it is important to be able to answer any questions you have as well as share information about your child's new year group.

NSPCC

NSPCC Workshop and Assemblies

Children have been very positive about the workshops and assemblies from the NSPCC this week. I am pleased to be able to report that our visitors were impressed with your children's understanding of how to keep themselves safe and their confidence in knowing what to do and who they can get help from if they are worried about anything.



Jeans for Genes

Many thanks for your support with 'Jeans for Genes' we raised £347.00 for Great Ormond Street Hospital.



Deneholm Welcomes Kevin

We are becoming quite well known locally now for our Nurture work with children who benefit from an alternative approach to education and learning. We try to be as creative as possible in the support we offer

to children in school with all different social and emotional needs. As part of this work we are currently preparing to welcome a trained and licensed 'Therapy Pet' into school on a regular basis. 'Kevin' has been thoroughly assessed for his suitability and has passed with flying colours to work in schools, hospitals and other settings. We will, of course, be sensitive to the concerns of children who may be frightened of dogs and strict rules are in place to ensure that both the dog and children in school are well cared for and safe. Kevin is particularly suitable as he is non-moulting, which means that there is less risk of pet hair allergies being an issue. If your child is particularly afraid of dogs or has a significant allergy which we need to be aware of please let the school office know.



School funding

I am sure you are aware of the current cut backs to school funding. At the moment we are still able to offer free after school clubs and subsidise some visits and events in school. The only real way we can increase the amount of money available to us in school is through pupils being eligible for the 'Pupil Premium'.

This is a set amount of money which is means tested- it depends on your income. If your child is eligible they do not need to have school meals (although they can have them for free). It is also important to let you know that children who are eligible are not treated any differently to the rest of the class- it is confidential information. If

you qualify for the funding- even for one day- the school is able to claim six years of funding for your child- so it really does make a big difference. I will be sending home a paper copy of the application for you all- please fill it in and return. We will check your eligibility and shred the forms if you are not eligible. You have nothing to lose and the school could gain- please help!



Special Menu

To raise the profile of school dinners there is special menu in place on October 4th where the kitchen will be preparing some of the children's favourites. In addition I am currently arranging for some food tasting of items from the school dinner menu ready for Parent's Evenings which are taking place soon.

18th Sharing Assembly 3M
25th Sharing Assembly 4H

February

1st Sharing Assembly 2R
8th Sharing Assembly 1D
15th Sharing Assembly 6B

18th February – 22nd February Half Term

March

1st Sharing Assembly 5W
7th World Book Day
Bedtime Stories 6 – 7pm
8th Sharing Assembly 4S
12th World Maths Day
15th Comic Relief
Sharing Assembly 3PD
22nd Sharing Assembly 6F

APRIL

4th Easter Egg Raffle p.m.

LAST DAY OF TERM 5th APRIL

SUMMER TERM

FIRST DAY OF TERM 23RD APRIL

APRIL

23rd St George's Day

MAY

3rd Sharing Assembly 1G
6th Bank Holiday
10th Sharing Assembly 2T
13th SATs Week Yr 6
17th Sharing Assembly RC
20th Walk to School Week
22nd Class Photographs
24th Sharing Assembly 5L

27th May (Bank Holiday) – 31st May Half Term

JUNE

3rd Stubbers Residential Week
7th Sharing Assembly 4H
14th Sharing Assembly 3M
21st Sharing Assembly 2R
28th Sharing Assembly 1D

JULY

5th Sharing Assembly RD

LAST DAY OF TERM 19th JULY

Important Dates for your diary...

AUTUMN TERM

September

28th McMillan Coffee Morning 9am

October

2nd Open Session – New Intake 9:15am & 2:15pm
5th Sharing Assembly 6B
12th Sharing Assembly 5W
15th Flu Immunisation
17th Harvest Festival
18th Individual Photographs
19th Sharing Assembly 4S

22nd October – 2nd November Half Term

November

7th Parent Teacher Consultations
8th Parent Teacher Consultations
9th Sharing Assembly 3PD
13th RC and RD Phonics Workshop
16th Sharing Assembly 2T
22nd Open Session New Parents 9:15am & 2:15pm
23rd Sharing Assembly 1G
RC and RD visit to Blackshots Library
26th Last week of Clubs
30th Sharing Assembly 6F
RC and RD Maths Workshop

December

10th RC and RD Christmas Activity Workshop
13th Yr 1 & Yr 2 Christmas Concert 1:15pm
14th Yr 1 & Yr 2 Christmas Concert 9:15am
17th Reception Nativity (Dress Rehearsal) Parents, Family with younger siblings) 1:15pm
18th Reception Nativity (adults only) 9:15am & 1:15pm
19th Carol Services am & pm St John's Church
20th Christmas Dinner & Parties
21st Christmas Jumper Day

LAST DAY OF TERM 21ST DECEMBER

SPRING TERM

FIRST DAY OF TERM 7TH JANUARY

January

7th Yr 3 Swimming Lessons
10th New Intake Open Session 9:15am
11th Sharing Assembly 5L

